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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harry C. Eisenbeiss
Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT : National Security Action Memorandum No. 343

1. NSAM 343, dated 28 March 1966, was the instrument through which then President Johnson underlined his concern for pacification and conferred on Mr. Robert W. Komer the Washington-level responsibility for serving as the President's Special Assistant for matters related to pacification in the broadest sense. NSAM 343 was modified and partially superseded by NSAM 362, 9 May 1967.

2. In its present form, NSAM 343 has been overtaken by events and bears little relevance to the realities of the current situation. Nonetheless, it touches on important matters including ones of direct bearing on topics of major interest or concern to this Agency. I have already recommended, ~~and~~ with the concurrence of the Chief of the Far East Division that NSAM 362 be reviewed, reconsidered, and redrafted by the Bundy Committee functioning as a sub-committee of the NSC under the charter laid down in NSSM 21. I would further recommend that NSAM 343 be simultaneously reconsidered by Bundy's group. If logic and common sense prevail, NSAM 343 and NSAM 362 will be revised and combined into a single new NSC document relevant to the present situation.

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